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SENATE RESOLUTION 53
By Blackburn

A RESOLUTION To recognize Mrs. Claire Caldwell Bawcom of
Franklin.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Claire Caldwell Bawcom is most assuredly one such exemplary Tennessean deserving of praise and commendation for her political activism; and

WHEREAS, She has volunteered her time, working in various political activities, from 1976 to the present; Mrs. Bawcom campaigned in 1976 for the election of Assemblyman John Dorsey in New Jersey, for Tennessee State Representative Cliff Frensley, for State Representative Clint Callicott, for President Ronald Reagan, for President George H. Bush, for State Senator Keith Jordan, for Juvenile Court Clerk Brenda Hyden, for Governor Don Sundquist, for Bob Dole for President, and for State Senator Marsha Blackburn; she also served as the Tennessee Co-Chairman for Jack Kemp's campaign for President; and

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WHEREAS, She has been actively involved in Republican Women activities since 1990; she is a member of the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women, serving as Area 6B Vice President from 1991-95, as the Second Vice President from 1995-97, as the First Vice President from 1998-March 1999, and presently as the TFRW President since April 1999; and

WHEREAS, She has been also actively involved in the Republican Women of Williamson County; serving from 1990-91 as the Publicity Chairman, from 1991-92 as the First Vice-President, from 1992-94 as the President and from 1995-97 as the Recording Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Since 1978, Claire Bawcom's political activities encompass a vast array of appearances and appointments; she was appointed by Governor Lamar Alexander to the State Steering Committee for the White House's Conference on Families and was the Tennessee delegate appointed by Governor Lamar Alexander to the White House Conference on Families in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She has been successful as a citizen activist in achieving passage of several pieces of education legislation and policy in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for her oration, Claire Bawcom has served as a guest lecturer at the Taft Institute of Government, at Columbia State Community College, Tennessee State University, and Austin Peay State University, where she has discussed the topics of lobbying, testifying at legislative committees, and the importance of public education; and

WHEREAS, She has given testimony before the Tennessee General Assembly's legislative committees and the State Board of Education, and has spoken at national seminars as well as state and local organizations in Alabama, New Jersey, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Claire has appeared on numerous radio and television talk shows in Indiana, New Jersey, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, A nine-year member of the Williamson County Republican Party Steering Committee, Mrs. Bawcom has served as the publisher and editor of "The Watchman," a monthly political newsletter since 1998; and

WHEREAS, Her many honors and achievements aside, Mrs. Bawcom is most appreciative of the love and support that she receives from her devoted husband of 39 years, and their six children and eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, This legislative body finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Claire Caldwell Bawcom for her dedication to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and recognize Mrs. Claire Caldwell Bawcom of Franklin for her political activism and extend to her our best wishes for every future happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.